

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraphs on page 13, lines 7-25 with the following amended paragraphs:

Firstly, if priority is given to the frame rate, a frame rate check process 603 is executed. The set frame rate values are checked to judge whether more than one settings are equal to the same largest value. If more than one frame rates are set to the same largest value, processing proceeds to a size check process 604. If one frame rate is set to the largest value, processing proceeds to Step ~~617~~ 607 which stores the largest frame rate value in the storage unit 141 as the basic parameter value and goes back to an image size check process 604.

The image size check process 604 checks if more than one image size settings are equal to the same largest value. If plural image sizes are set to the same largest value, processing proceeds to a bit rate check process 605. If only one image size is set to the largest value, processing proceeds to Step ~~609~~ 608. In Step ~~609~~ 608, the largest image size value is stored in the storage unit 141 as the basic parameter value. After Step ~~609~~ 608, processing proceeds to the bit rate check process 605.